

Statement of: Accused Police Officer Erik MITCHELL Star #18431, Employee
[REDACTED] Unit 008, relative to the following allegations:

1. It is alleged by the complainant, Sergeant Laura BLUM, Star #2413, Unit 022; that between 12 October 2011 at 2300 hours and 13 October 2011 at 1400 hours, at [REDACTED], Chicago, IL, the accused P/O Erik MITCHELL, Star #18431, Employee # [REDACTED] Unit 008, failed to properly secure a weapon belonging to him, to wit; a Smith & Wesson, blue steel, .38 caliber revolver, Model 442 Airweight, Serial # DAT8721; by storing it under the center console of his personal vehicle.

Statement Taken at: Bureau of Internal Affairs / Investigations Division

Questioned and Typed by: Sergeant Mark Higgs # 1914, Unit 121

Date and Time: 24 October 2011 at 1000 hours

Body of Statement

HIGGS: Please state your name, rank, star number, and unit of assignment?
MITCHELL: Officer Erik Mitchell Star#18431, 008th District Chicago Police Department.

HIGGS: What is your date of appointment and your employee number?
MITCHELL: 24 February 2003, Employee number [REDACTED]

HIGGS: How long have you been to your present unit?
MITCHELL: 3 years, just shy of three years. Three years this February.

HIGGS: Have you been advised in writing of the allegations against you, the name of the complainant, the date/time of the incident(s) and your administrative rights?
MITCHELL: Yes

HIGGS: Did you read and understand these allegations and your rights?
MITCHELL: Yes

HIGGS: Are you represented by a counsel of your choice, if so, identify him/her for the record?
MITCHELL: I do have FOP if I choose to, but not today.

HIGGS: **Rule 14 of the Chicago Police Department's Rules and Regulations prohibits making a false report written or oral. You may be separated from the Chicago Police Department if you make a false report. Do you understand this?**

MITCHELL: Yes.

HIGGS: Are you aware that this statement has the standing of an official Chicago Police Department report, and that any intentional falsification of any

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answer to any question would be in direct violation of Department Rules and Regulations, and could result in additional allegations being placed against you?

MITCHELL: Yes I understand.

HIGGS: Are you ready to give your statement at this time?

MITCHELL: Yes. This statement is not being given voluntarily, but under duress. I am only giving this statement at this time because I know I will lose my job if I refuse.

HIGGS: What was your duty status between 12 OCT 2011 at 2300 hours and 13 OCT 2011 at 1400 hours?

MITCHELL: I was off duty..

HIGGS: On the above stated date and time, were you the owner of a Smith & Wesson, blue steel, .38 Caliber revolver, Model 442 Airweight, Serial [REDACTED]

MITCHELL: Yes

HIGGS: Where did you have that Smith & Wesson, blue steel, .38 Caliber revolver, Model 442 Airweight, Serial [REDACTED] stored between 12 OCT 2011 at 2300 hours and 13 OCT 2011 at 1400 hours?

MITCHELL: In my truck underneath the center console.

HIGGS: What happened to that Smith & Wesson, blue steel, .38 Caliber revolver, Model 442 Airweight, Serial #. DAT8721?

MITCHELL: It was gone out of my truck the next day, along with some loose change I had in a cubby hole in the truck.

HIGGS: Upon finding out that the firearm was stolen, what action did you take?

MITCHELL: I called 911.

HIGGS: Was that theft reported under RD [REDACTED]

MITCHELL: Yes

HIGGS: At this time, do you have any knowledge of the whereabouts of the weapon?

MITCHELL: No

HIGGS: Is there anything else that you want to add?

MITCHELL: Just being a victim of a burglary and a theft I ask for leniency, but I know that I am responsible.

HIGGS: After reading this statement consisting of pages and finding it to contain the answers you gave to the questions you were asked, will you sign it?

MITCHELL: Yes.

Statement Concluded at: 1025 hours.

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